English 8
Exam Review - Fall 2024

English Fall Exam:

- Pink - Wednesday @ 9
- Blue - Wednesday @ 10:45
- Orange - Thursday @ 10:15
- Yellow - Friday @ 8:30
- Green - Friday @ 10:15
- Students will not be allowed to leave the testing room before 90 minutes, so bring a book to read if you finish early.
- Unless approved to test with Mrs. Oden, **students will not be given extra time**
- The exam is worth 15% of students' Fall semester grade.

Review Sessions:

- We will review the two class periods prior to the exam.

Works Covered:

- *The Little Prince* by Antoine De Saint-Exupery
- "Dear Danny Ledbetter" by Mignon Mabry
- "On Turning Ten" by Billy Collins
- "To Look At Any Thing" by John Moffitt
- "Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan
- "Little Things Are Big" by Jesus Colon
- "The Danger of a Single Story" by Chimamanda Adichie
- *Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* excerpt
- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Leun Yang
- "Animals" by Simon Rich

Grammar and Writing Skills:

- Comma Usage
    - Splices, FANBOYS, Oxford Commas, Intro Bits
- Structuring Sentences
    - Passive Voice, To Be Verbs, Dialogue Formatting
- Other
    - Title formatting, Capitalization, Commonly Confused Words*

Literary Analysis Skills:

- Thematic Claim / Thesis
- Intro Structure*
- Topic Sentences*
- Literary Present Tense
- Contextualization
- Incorporating Quotations / correct punctuation
- Analysis
    - Unpacking Evidence
    - Golden Nuggets*
- Transition Sentences*

*You will get further notes / info on these items prior to the exam!

Exam Format:

- **Part I - Grammar**
    - Students will rewrite / correct provided sentences, demonstrating an understanding of all Grammar and Writing skills.
- **Part II - Essay**
    - I will give students four selections of text we read this semester. Using **three of these** different works, students will craft a five paragraph essay of literary analysis.
        - Students will claim that all three works share a common theme and will use specific evidence from the given text and thoughtful analysis to support their claim.
        - Beyond *just* the given text, students should be able to demonstrate understanding of the entire text.
    - Students will be given a detailed rubric that they can use both in preparation for and during the exam.
    - Grammatical correctness, including basic and learned rules are expected.

Other Study Materials

- Tests and Rubrics - Comma / Quotation Quiz, *The Little Prince* Test, Dual Identity Writing Graded Rubric, *American Born Chinese* Test
    - Review what you fell short on and make sure you understand these skills before the exam!

- Grammar Notes

- Writing Skills Notes

- Literary Analysis Notes